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SUBJECT: Significant Developments in the Latin
American Countries on the Counterin-
surgency Critical List

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2. Colombia

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President Valencia said his government "has accepted the Communist challenge, and we are ready to meet it with force." He said at a news conference on 1 September: "If necessary, the government will drag

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terrorists out of the university grounds by force." Police claim students at National University are sheltering terrorists who tried to plant a bomb Friday night. By tradition, university campuses in Colombia are off-limits to police.

Since the beginning of terrorist acts in Bogota on 24 January, 122 bombs have been exploded in the capital--averaging one every 48 hours.

3. Nicaragua

Pro-Castro, anti-Somoza guerrillas continue to operate in a remote area near the Nicaraguan-Honduran border. Three members of the Nicaraguan National Guard were wounded during a skirmish between the guerrillas and the National Guard near Bocay on 28 August. Two of the wounded were subsequently flown to Managua for medical treatment.

[REDACTED] the Honduran Air Force is conducting reconnaissance flights on the Honduran side of the border in an attempt to locate guerrilla camps. The chief of the Honduran armed forces has promised to undertake military operations against the insurgents if they are definitely located. (MAP)

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